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GERALD ROBERT AMSTER ET AL.

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1. DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE IN BONN HAS RESPONSIBILITY,
INTER ALIA, FOR ACTIVITIES IN USSR IN THE DEA EUROPEAN
ORGANIZATION. HE HAS, THEREFORE, CLOSELY FOLLOWED AND
MONITORED WITH GREAT INTEREST PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS
IN SO-CALLED AMSTER CASE SINCE THE JUNE 1976 SEIZURE
OF 28.5 KILOS OF HEROIN AT MOSCOW SHEREMET'YEVO AIRPORT.
AN APPARENT INTERMEDIARY AND CONSPIRATOR, LOCATED IN
BERLIN, WAS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED IN THIS VENTURE.

2. INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT BONN AND IN THE US INDI-
CATES THAT AMSTER AND HIS CONFEDERATES WERE PAWNS
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OPERATING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A NOW IDENTIFIED ORGA-
NIZED CRIME ASSOCIATE IN NEW YORK. UNDOUBTEDLY INFOR-
MATION HELD BY THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION
KNOWN TO THE NOW CONVICTED AMERICANS, COULD GREATLY
AID IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE ACTUALLY
DIRECTING THIS TYPE OF WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITY. SOVIET
OFFICIALS COULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM THIS TYPE INFORMATION

AND BRIEFING AS THEY DID IN THE PRIOR DEA VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN MAY 1973. THE PUBLIC COMMENTS OF THE SOVIET MINISTER OF JUSTICE, VLADIMIR TEREILOV, INDICATING SOVIET INTENT ON STAMPING OUT NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, AS REPORTED IN BONN 20231, SEEM TO SUPPORT SUCH A VIEW WHICH SUGGESTS POSSIBLE FAVORABLE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEA-SOVIET DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC SITUATION IN GENERAL AND THE AMSTER TYPE MODUS OPERANDI IN PARTICULAR.

3. IN REFERENCE (A) IT IS NOTED THAT SOVIET MFA OFFICIALS AGREED TO DEA MOSCOW VISIT AND PROPOSED THAT THIS TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 21-24, 1976. DEA AGREED TO TIMING, BUT DUE TO IMPENDING HOLIDAYS, EMBASSY MOSCOW TEMPORARILY DEMURRED. BY REF. (B) SOVIET MFA ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD AWAIT US COUNTER PROPOSAL ON TIMING FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.

4. BONN DEA REPRESENTATIVE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHERE MATTER STANDS AT THE MOMENT AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE URGENTLY GUIDANCE AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF MOVEMENT ON QUESTIONS OF NEW DATES FOR THE MOSCOW VISIT.

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